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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2187

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoichi YAMADA

Group Art Unit: 2187

Application No.: 09/720,142

Examiner: B. Peugh

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Docket No.: 107300

For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the February 11, 2004 Final Rejection, and the May 25, 2004 Advisory Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Advisory Action indicates that the Amendment filed May 10, 2004 will be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal.

First, Applicant will address the "conventional art" issue that has been argued throughout prosecution. To reiterate:

1. The August 15, 2003 Office Action asserts that Fig. 13 of Applicant's application and its corresponding description, constitute admitted prior art ("AAPA").